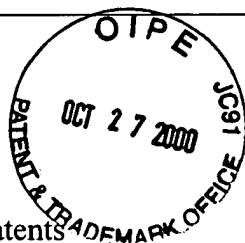




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Re: Application Serial No. 09/227,881  
Filed: January 11, 1999  
For: **Nucleic Acids, Kits and Methods for the Diagnosis,  
Prognosis and Treatment of Glaucoma and Related  
Disorders**  
Inventors: Thai D. NGUYEN *et al.*  
Our Ref: 07425.0057.US00

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
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1. Response to Restriction Requirement;
2. Preliminary Amendment;
3. Form PTO-1083 (in duplicate)
4. Our check No. 338955 in the amount of \$1,128.00; and
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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a statement previously submitted.
- A statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- xx Additional claim fee is required.

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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